

Discussion of the Amendments

Claims 1 and 14 are amended to include a limitation disclosed at page 6, para. 5 of the present application. No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.

Remarks

Applicants thank Examiner Sayala for discussing the present application with Applicants' representative on 30 June 2009. Aspects of the discussion are summarized in the Interview Summary dated 2 July 2009.

Applicants have limited the claims that further distinguish the claims from the references of record. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the outstanding rejections are now moot. Applicants kindly request that the Examiner acknowledge the same and reconsider the patentability of the present claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.



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